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SUBJECT: PEACE PILLAR LOA: TRANSPORTATION COSTS

REF: A. KHARTOUM 2765/170908Z AUG 77 (NOTAL), B. KHARTOUM 2828/220848Z AUG 77 (NOTAL)

- 1. DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF ABDUL MAJID KHALIL SUMMONED DCM TO HIS OFFICE TUESDAY AFTERNOON, AUG 23, TO INQUIRE WHETHER ANY REPLY HAD BEEN RECEIVED RE TRAVEL COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH DEFINITIZATION CONFERENCE (REF B). DCM BRIEFED HIM ON CONTENTS REF B AND INDICATED REPLY HAD NOT RPT NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED.
- 2. GEN MAJID THEN INDICATED SIMILAR PROBLEM EXISTS IN CONNECTION WITH COSTS ARISING OUT OF TRAVEL SUDAN AIR FORCE PERSONNEL TO US FOR TRAINING. HE REFERRED TO SUGGESTED LOA AMENDMENT DESCRIBED IN REF A, PARA 1,C AND INDICATED THIS AMENDMENT SHOULD BE WORDED TO INCLUDE TRANSPORTATION COSTS AS WELL.

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3. IN CONVERSATION WITH DCM GEN MAJID INDICATED THESE TRAVEL COSTS, WHICH COULD NOT RPT NOT BE FORSEEN WHEN MINDEF BUDGET WAS PREPARED PRIOR TO PEACE PILLAR DISCUSSIONS, WERE SIMPLY MORE THAN SUDANGOV COULD AFFORD. HE SAID THAT IN ITS DEALINGS WIT OTHER SUPPLIERS (HE MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY BRITISH), ALL RPT ALL COSTS ARE INCLUDED IN EQUIVALENT LOA. HE URGED

THAT SOME WAY BE FOUND TO INCLUDE THESE COSTS IN PEACE PILLAR LOA FOR SAME REASONS DESCRIBED REF B. GENERAL SAID THAT, SINCE SUDANGOV HAD DROPPED REQUIREMENT FOR HEAVY-DROP EQUIPMENT, HE ASSUMED SOME MONEY WAS INCLUDED IN PEACE PILLAR LOA WHICH COULD BE APPLIED TO THESE EXPENSES.

- 4. COMMENT: AS INDICATED REF B, TRAVEL COSTS BOTH FOR DEFINITIZATION CONFERENCE AND FOR PEACE PILLAR TRAINING REPRESENT SERIOUS BURDEN FOR SUDANGOV WHICH DOES NOT HAVE ANY EXTRA FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND WHICH HAS NOT BUDGETED FOR THESE COSTS. SUDANGOV IS CONCERNED WITH HAVING TO RETURN TO SAUDIS TO REQUEST FINANCING. SAUDIS APPARENTLY WANT TO HAVE ALL COSTS INCLUDED IN INITIAL LOA.
- 5. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT UNTIL THESE ISSUES RESOLVED, ARRANGEMENTS CANNOT BE MADE EITHER FOR DEFINITIZATION CONFERENCE OR FOR SUDANESE PERSONNEL GOING TO US FOR TRAINING. THEREFORE, PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST WHETHER PROBLEM DESCRIBED ABOVE CAN BE READILY RESOLVED ALONG LINES SUGGESTED BY GEN MAJID. BERGUS

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